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SUBJECT: STATEMENT OF PORTUGUESE TIMOR INDEPENDENCE GROUP

REF: JAKARTA 5363

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1.ACCORDING AFP REPORT FROM JAKARTA CARRIED
IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE INDONESIAN OBSERVER MAY 30,
A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SO-CALLED "UNION OF THE
REPUBLIC OF TIMOR" SAID IN JAKARTA MAY 29
HIS MOVEMENT WOULD CONTINUE ITS STRUGGLE TO
"OUST CIVILIAN AND MILITARY PORTUGUESE TERRORISTS"
FROM THE PORTUGUESE COLONY OF TIMOR.

2. IN STATEMENT TO PRESS, MAO SIKU "FIRST
SECRETARY" OF THE "UNION OF THE REPUBLIC OF
TIMOR" CALLED ON OTHER COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY
MALAY AND REVOLUTIONARY MIDDLE-EAST COUNTRIES,
TO EXTEND MORAL AND MATERIAL AID TO THE STRUGGLE
AGAINST PORTUGUESE AUTHORITIES IN TIMOR.

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3. IN OBVIOUS REFERENCE TO INDONESIA, STATEMENT ALSO CRITICIZED AN UNNAMED "NEIGHBORING COUNTRY" FOR FAILURE TO GIVE DE JURE RECOGNITION TO THE "REPUBLIC", ACCUSING THE NEIGHBORING COUNTRY OF "JUST WAITING FOR THE TIMORESE TO FREE THEMSELVES FROM THE CLAWS OF THE OLD PORTUGUESE TIGER". (THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF TIMOR ISLAND IS INDONESIAN TERRITORY.)

4. THE STATEMENT ADDED THAT THE "REPUBLIC" WAS WILLING TO JOIN WITH ANY INTERNATIONAL BOC WHICH COULD GUARANTY THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE REPUBLIC, AND CHALLENGED PORTUGUESE PRESIDENT ANTONIO DE SPINOLA TO HOLD A SUMMIT MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT OF THE "REPUBLIC", MR MAO KLAO, REGARDING THE FUTURE OF THE ISLAND TERRITORY. END UNCLASSIFIED

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5. THE "UNION OF THE REPUBLIC OF TIMOR" IS LARGELY A PAPER ORGANIZATION BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN FOUNDED IN JAKARTA IN 1971. IT HAS NO KNOWN CONTACTS IN PORTUGUESE TIMOR AND LIMITS ITSELF TO OCCASIONAL PRESS RELEASES IN JAKARTA. THERE HAVE BEEN REPORTS THAT IT HAS BEEN OFFERED FUNDS BY THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN JAKARTA TO FINANCE THE TRAVEL OF TIMORESE STUDENTS TO PLEAD FOR INDEPENDENCE FOR PORTUGUESE TIMOR BEFORE THE UN. THE "PRESIDENT" OF THIS GROUP, MAO KLAO, IS A WEST SUMATRAN WHO WAS FORMERLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE NOW-DEFUNCT, LEFTIST MURBA PARTY. ACCORDING TO AN EMBASSY CONTACT FROM TIMOR, MAO KLAO WAS ONCE ARRESTED BY GOI AUTHORITIES IN INDONESIAN TIMOR AND SENT BACK TO JAVA DURING HIS ONE AND ONLY ATTEMPT TO VISIT THE PORTUGUESE COLONY. MAO KLAO'S CRITICAL REMARKS ABOUT GOI'S INDIFFERENCE TO INDEPENDENCE TO PORTUGUESE TIMOR AND APPEAL TO FOREIGN SUPPORT WILL NOT BE WELL RECEIVED BY GOI, WHICH HAS NO INTEREST IN SUPPORTING INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT IN PORTUGUESE TIMOR AND FEARS LEFTIST

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